

## Announcement for Colorado River Regional Forum

**The first Colorado River Regional Forum on Water Management and Planning is scheduled for Thursday, April 26, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. – noon. See below for more details!**

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR), in cooperation with local entities and organizations, is holding a Regional Forum to gather and share information relating to the California Water Plan Update 2013 and statewide and local Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM). There are meeting locations in El Centro and Palm Desert, and webinar options are also available.

### **Why Participate?**

The Forum agenda will collect feedback on regional water management priorities, programs, conditions and challenges that will help inform **statewide investments**. The information will also be used to develop content for the Colorado River Regional Report for Update 2013. An Executive Summary of all Regional Reports will be included in the Water Plan Highlights document. The previous report for the Colorado River (Update 2009) is available online at:

[www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/docs/cwpu2009/0310final/v3\\_coloradoriver\\_cwp2009.pdf](http://www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/docs/cwpu2009/0310final/v3_coloradoriver_cwp2009.pdf)

Representatives of: water agencies and collaboratives; local, state, Tribal and federal government; watershed and community groups; conservancies; and the public are welcome and needed for successful dialog.

### **Forum Locations, Details and Materials**

Please visit [www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/materials/index.cfm?subject=apr2612](http://www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/materials/index.cfm?subject=apr2612) to download the agenda, webinar link and conference call number. Meeting materials will be posted as they become available. Satellite locations include the Imperial County Farm Bureau Boardroom at 1000 Broadway in El Centro and the Coachella Valley Water District at 75515 Hovley Lane East in Palm Desert. The webpage and agenda provide webinar and conference call information for remote participation.

The agenda for this Forum meeting focuses on DWR programs, with updates on and discussion of the CWP Update 2013 Regional Reports and topic-based caucuses (including groundwater, finance and sustainable indicators caucuses) and a status update on statewide and local IRWM efforts.

### **Background**

This Regional Forum approach, which evolved from past DWR outreach efforts, brings information from various DWR programs to one meeting.

In each hydrologic region, a Design Team of stakeholders assists in designing the agenda and conducting outreach. This helps assure that the meeting agendas focus on topics that are relevant to local water managers. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact: Brian Moniz, DWR Regional Coordinator, at [bmoniz@water.ca.gov](mailto:bmoniz@water.ca.gov) or 818-500-1645, ext. 250 or Judie Talbot, Regional Facilitator, at [talbot.judie@gmail.com](mailto:talbot.judie@gmail.com) or 775-720-0214